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obtain a court judgment on the member's debt, nor exercise the equitable right of set-off, prior to enforcing its statutory lien against the member's account.

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§ 702.1 Authority, purpose, scope and other supervisory authority.

(a) Authority. Subparts A, B and C of this part and subpart L of part 747 of this chapter are issued by the National Credit Union Administration pursuant to section 216 of the Federal Credit Union Act (FCUA), 12 U.S.C. 1790d (section 1790d), as added by section 301 of the Credit Union Membership Access Act, Pub. L. No. 105-219, 112 Stat. 913 (1998). Subpart D of this part is issued pursuant to FCUA section 120, 12 U.S.C.

(b) Purpose. The express purpose of prompt corrective action under section 1790d is to resolve the problems of federally-insured credit unions at the least possible long-term loss to the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund. This part carries out the purpose of prompt corrective action by establishing a framework of mandatory and discretionary supervisory actions, applicable according to a credit union's net worth ratio, designed primarily to restore and improve the net worth of federally-insured credit unions.

(c) Scope. This part implements the provisions of section 1790d as they apply to federally-insured credit unions, whether federally- or statechartered; to such credit unions defined as "new" pursuant to section 1790d(b)(2); and to such credit unions defined as "complex" pursuant to section 1790d(d). Certain of these provisions also apply to officers and directors of federally-insured credit unions. This part does not apply to corporate credit unions. Procedures for issuing, reviewing and enforcing orders and directives issued under this part are set forth in subpart L of part 747 of this chapter, 12 CFR 747.2001 et seq.

(d) Other supervisory authority. Neither §1790d nor this part in any way limits the authority of the NCUA Board or appropriate State official under any other provision of law to take additional supervisory actions to address unsafe or unsound practices or conditions, or violations of applicable law or regulations. Action taken under this part may be taken independently of, in conjunction with, or in addition to any other enforcement action available to the NCUA Board or appropriate State official, including issuance of cease and desist orders, orders of prohibition, suspension and removal, or assessment of civil money penalties, or any other actions authorized by law.

§ 702.2 Definitions

Except as provided below, the terms used in this part have the same meanings as set forth in FCUA sections 101 and 216, 12 U.S.C. 1752, 1790d.

- (a) Appropriate regional director means the director of the NCUA regional office having jurisdiction over federally-insured credit unions in the state where the affected credit union is principally located.
- (b) Appropriate State official means the commission, board or other supervisory authority having jurisdiction over credit unions chartered by the State which chartered the affected credit union.
- (c) Credit union means a federally-insured, natural person credit union, whether federally- or State-chartered, as defined by 12 U.S.C. 1752(6).
- (d) CUSO means a credit union service organization as described in 12 CFR 712 et seq. for federally-chartered credit unions, and as defined under State law for State-chartered credit unions.
- (e) NCUSIF means the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund as defined by 12 U.S.C. 1783.
- (f) Net worth means the retained earnings balance of the credit union at quarter end as determined under generally accepted accounting principles. Retained earnings consists of undivided earnings, regular reserves, and any other appropriations designated by management or regulatory authorities. This means that only undivided earnings and appropriations of undivided earnings are included in net worth. For low income-designated credit unions, net worth also includes secondary capital accounts that are uninsured and

subordinate to all other claims, including claims of creditors, shareholders and the NCUSIF. For any credit union, net worth does not include the allowance for loan and lease losses account.

- (g) Net worth ratio means the ratio of the net worth of the credit union (as defined in paragraph (f) of this section to the total assets of the credit union (as defined by a measure chosen under paragraph (j) of this section.
- (h) New credit union means a federally-insured credit union which both has been in operation for less than ten (10) years and has \$10,000,000 or less in total assets.
- (i) Shares means deposits, shares, share certificates, share drafts, or any other depository account authorized by federal or state law.
- (j) Total assets. (1) Total assets means a credit union's total assets as measured by either—
- (i) Average quarterly balance. The average of quarter-end balances of the four most recent calendar quarters; or
- (ii) Average monthly balance. The average of month-end balances over the three calendar months of the calendar quarter; or
- (iii) Average daily balance. The average daily balance over the calendar quarter; or
- (iv) Quarter-end balance. The quarterend balance of the calendar quarter as reported on the credit union's Call Report, and for semi-annual filers as calculated for the quarters ending March 31 and September 30.
- (2) For each quarter, a credit union must elect a measure of total assets from paragraph (j)(1) of this section to apply for all purposes under this part except §§ 702.103 through 702.108 [risk-based net worth requirement].
- (k) Weighted-average life means the weighted-average time to the return of a dollar of principal, calculated by multiplying each portion of principal received by the time at which it is expected to be received (based on a reasonable and supportable estimate of that time), and then summing and dividing by the total amount of principal.

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